

every moment has momentum**Review:**

Week 1: selfishness sinks, but **repentance** rises / every moment is for me or God
 Week 2: defiance dissolves, but **surrender** develops / one decision :: who is Jesus?
 Week 3: failure breeds failure, but confrontation and **confession** turn the tide.
 Week 4: following temptation leads to death, but **enduring trials** leads to maturity.

THREE WEEKS ON PRACTICAL ISSUES // THIS WEEK IS LOVE

Judges 16:4-22 (p. 179)

LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT • MEETING JEN • BUT I INVESTIGATED, SAMSON DID NOT

Love led Samson...

PHILISTINE • DISREGARD GOD, HIS SOURCE • NAGGING WOMAN • BREAK HIS VOW • BLIND

GOD EVENTUALLY USED IT FOR GOOD BUT THINK OF ALL THAT COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED!

Love can lead to tragedy.

In the course of time, Amnon son of David fell in love with Tamar, the beautiful sister of Absalom son of David. Amnon became frustrated to the point of illness on account of his sister Tamar, for she was a virgin, and it seemed impossible for him to do anything to her.

2 Samuel 13:1-2

King Solomon, however, loved many foreign women besides Pharaoh's daughter--Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians and Hittites. They were from nations about which the LORD had told the Israelites, "You must not intermarry with them, because they will surely turn your hearts after their gods." Nevertheless, Solomon held fast to them in love. He had seven hundred wives of royal birth and three hundred concubines, and his wives led him astray.

1 Kings 11:1-3

ASK ROMEO & JULIET • ASK DIVORCED • OH, MY LOVE IS REAL! • HORMONES CAN'T PREDICT!

There are two kinds of love...

ONE KIND IS HORMONAL AND EMOTIONAL / SMACKS YOU

ONE KIND IS WILLFUL AND DETERMINED / YOU BUILD IT

CAMPECHE SALSA V. MY SALSA // PIZZAS & PRETTY GIRLS

CALL IT WHAT IT IS: SEXUALITY // BUT JESUS CALLS US TO LOVE

MIXING THE WORLD'S IDEA OF LOVE WITH WHAT JESUS CALLS US TO LEADS TO WEIRD PLACES

Getting ClarityWorldly Love: **Sexuality**New Testament Love: **Sacrifice**

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

1 John 3:16

SEXUALITY ISN'T BAD, IT'S A MAJOR REASON YOU WERE BORN // SACRIFICE ISN'T ALWAYS BAD
EACH HAS IT'S OWN MOMENTUM**momentum:****Sexuality builds attachment.**

ASIDE FROM THE BIBLICAL EXAMPLES, WE HAVE BIOLOGY, OXYTOCIN / SEX IS DANGEROUS

Back on track:

For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Genesis 2:24-25

ASIDE: Brief Soapbox Rant

"SEX IS OKAY IF YOU LOVE EACH OTHER" / WHEN THE BIBLE TEACHES ON SEX OR LOVE...

PARENTS: DON'T EVER START THAT CONVERSATION, "WHEN TWO PEOPLE LOVE EACH OTHER."

SINGLES: DON'T EVER CONFUSE YOUR SEXUAL URGES WITH NEW TESTAMENT LOVE.

Advice about Sexuality**1 Corinthians 7**

- ▶ vv. 12-28 • **remain** as you are
- ▶ vv. 29-31 • live with **perspective**
- ▶ vv. 32-35 • understand the momentum of **marriage**
- ▶ vv. 36-40 • get married if you have the opportunity, **desire**, and a **Christ-following** fiancée

Advice about Sacrificial Love

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

momentum:**Sacrifice builds a never-fail love.**

JESUS SACRIFICED HIMSELF FOR YOU SO THAT YOU COULD KNOW THE GREATEST LOVE OF ALL. HE WANTS YOU TO GIVE YOUR HEART FIRST TO HIM, SO HE CAN FILL IT UP WITH ALL THE LOVE YOU CAN HOLD, AND SO YOU CAN THEN GIVE IT TO OTHERS. BUT IT STARTS WITH HIM TAKING YOUR HEART.